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In re Patent Application of: Norman J. Bennett et al.

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For: USE OF ALLICIN AS PRESERVATIVE, AS

DISINFECTANT, AS ANTIMICROBIAL OR

AS BIOCIDAL AGENT

Examiner: Stone, Christopher R

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.